

The Parish Community of St Thérèse and St Anthony

The Little Flower Church - In the care of the Franciscan Friars

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RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30 pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday (Vigil) 5.00pm

Sunday 7.30am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday 8.00am and Tuesday 8.00am

Wednesday 9.00am

Thursday 8.00am and Friday 8.00am

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday: For one hour after the 8am Mass

Thursday: For 24 hrs after the 8am Mass until the start of
Friday 8am Mass

ANOINTING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Wednesday of the month at 9.00am

BAPTISMS

2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month at 11.00am

(unless of another event that day) (Booking is essential)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

1st, 2nd and 3th Sunday of the Month - 9.30am

(School Term Only)

FAMILY MASS

4th Sunday of the Month at 9.30am

(School term only)

ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

2nd and 4th Monday of the Month at 7.00pm

(Parish Office)

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

Mrs Sandra Di Francesco

Ph: 0448 356 599

4th Sunday of Lent—19th March 2023 (YEAR A)

Spittle and Mud

I love the earthiness of this episode in the Gospels:

'[Jesus] spat on the ground, made a paste with spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, ... [said] Go and wash ... and his sight was restored.'

When I asked the Parish Secretary 'Why do you think Jesus did this?', she replied: 'Well, he was a boy and boys love playing in mud!'

Can anyone doubt that our Lord, by the power of his word alone, could have healed the dis-ease of this man blind since birth?

And, yet he chose very down to earth actions to bring about the healing. Why?

Jesus was Jewish, as was the crowd around him. It is not surprising that Jesus uses the old Jewish dream time story of creation which we call Genesis. In one of those accounts, the first human creature was fashioned from the dust of the earth. Obviously, this would have had to have been moistened like clay.

When Jesus used moistened earth, onlookers would have immediately understood the symbolism. Something creative was going to happen. And, indeed, for the blind man, it was as though he had been created anew.

When God wants to do something creative or recreative in our lives, invariably something physical is involved. God rarely works by telepathy. We see God's preferred way of working in the Sacraments.

We Catholics are a sacramental church. Oil or water or bread or wine are elements of creation which can bear, or even become, the presence of the Divine Life for us.

On a first Friday, I celebrate Mass at a nursing home and anoint the elderly and frail residents there in the Chapel or in their rooms.

I anoint them with olive oil, blessed by the Bishop every year in the week before Easter. Couldn't a prayer do?

But, the olive oil has a soothing effect on the skin. It is a lovely ointment which is absorbed by the skin and makes it feel good.

This symbolises the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Holy Spirit may have a soothing effect on the person who is frail or sick, overcoming undue anxiety or fear.

We pray that the Holy Spirit may enter the very pores of the sick person and become part of him or her, relieving that person of undue anxiety and giving strength for the next stage of life. This is symbolised and effected by the sacred oil.

Recently I have conducted funerals for two elderly people. I had anointed them (the Last Rites) as they were dying. At each of those funerals, the children told me how their parent had become peaceful and calm and even a little more conscious in a way which was a blessing for them and their family.

The Sacrament of Anointing the Sick is what we might call the formal ritual of healing by the Church. But there are a million informal ways in which we are called upon to heal people.

I love to tell the story of an elderly resident at the nursing home who, when she meets another resident, invariably rubs the back of their neck and shoulders. They love the comfort which that simple action brings. Without knowing it, she is imitating Jesus' way of doing things. She is the divine healing presence for those people in those moments.

You or I may simply be given the opportunity to put one's arm around someone who is lonely or unwell, soothing their fears. In this way we become sacramental to the world.

Let us go into the world with our eyes wide open like the man healed by Jesus – wide open to see those opportunities where we might exercise the healing power of the Lord of the Gospel.

© Fr Michael Tate

"We acknowledge the Turrbal and Jagera People in Brisbane, and the Gubbi Gubbi People at Pomona as the traditional custodians, past, present, and emerging, of the land and waters where Kedron Parish stands. We pay our respects to them".

**PARISH EVENTS
THIS WEEK**

Monday 20 March

Mass 8.00am
Adoration after Mass
Taekwondo 4.30, 5.45 & 7.00pm

Tuesday 21 March

Mass 8.00am
Rosary after Mass
Samaritans 9.30am

Wednesday 22 March

Mass 9.00am
Delamore 4:45pm (NO MASS)
JPCCC group 7:00pm

Thursday 23 March

Mass 8.00am
24hr Perpetual Adoration
Encounter 6.00pm

Friday 24 March

Mass 8.00am
Stations of the Cross after Mass
Christian Meditation 9.00am
(Delamore)
Baptisms 5.00pm

Saturday 25 March

Youth Practise 3.30pm
Reconciliation 4.00pm
Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 26 March

Mass 7.30am, 9.30am
Baptisms 11.00am and 11.45am
Stations of the Cross rehearsal 1.00pm
Mass 5.30pm

Please pray for our recently deceased:

Fr John Boyd-Boland ofm, Francesca Cantarella,
Vincenzina Cavallaro,
Margaret Collis(Sullivan),

and those whose Anniversaries occur about now:

Diana and Fiona Saffigna, Robin Sharry, Joe Fresta,
James Clunie Stark, Leonardo Caruso, Jayloni family,
John Currie, Bernabela Ferrer, Norine Mullins,
Bernadette Okely, Sarina Caruso, Eileen Stevens,

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Fifth Sunday of Lent
26 March 2023 — Yr A

1st Reading - [Ez 37:12-14](#)

2nd Reading - [Rom 8:8-11](#)

Gospel - [Jn 11:1-45](#) or [Jn 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45](#)

Laudat Si

Last Week was the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate. See a snapshot: <https://laudatosimovement.org/news/pope-francis-and-the-climate-crisis-10-highlights/>

Br Guy Consolmagno SJ Director of the Vatican Observatory received the Carl Sagan Award for 2014 for Outstanding Communication of Planetary Science to the Public. Listen to his lecture on science and faith last Sunday at: <https://learn.ctu.edu/>

For March in the Laudato Si' Movement See: <https://www.mail.laudatosimovement.org/view.html?x=a62e&m=RU&mc=s&s=Fqj&u=z&z=BjU7SC4&> which includes a link to NASA photos of planet Earth. Scroll through for a must see!

<https://edition.cnn.com/interactive/2019/09/world/climate-change-before-after/>

RACE (Reliable, Affordable Clean Energy) for 2030 is an innovative Australian research centre for energy and carbon transition: <https://www.racefor2030.com.au/>

Secular Franciscan Order
“Ordinary Catholics following Christ’s gospels in the footsteps of St Francis.”
For more information: Jim Kearney 0410-881622



Stations of the Cross will be held every
Friday after Mass at 8.30am



Little Flower Church
Stations of the cross

Once again the parish is doing a reenactment of the Stations of the Cross for Good Friday. We would love for school student volunteers to help reenact the stations. If you would like to volunteer please contact us.

Rehearsal Time:
Sunday at 1.00pm
Where:
Little Flower Church

CONTACT US AT:
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**Fourth Sunday of Lent
18 & 19 March**



Thu lives in Vietnam. When Thu was 12 years old, he stepped on an unexploded land mine and lost his leg.

Living with a disability in rural Vietnam presented many challenges for Thu, who worked mainly as a rice farmer. Thu also took on the role of caring for his wife, Linh, after she suffered a stroke.

Determined to turn their lives around, Thu and Linh joined the Empowerment of People with Disabilities program, run by Caritas Australia's local partner in Vietnam, the Centre for Sustainable Rural Development (SRD).

For Thu, the greatest impact the program has had is enabling the change in Linh's physical and mental wellbeing. With the support of a physiotherapist, Linh can now walk short distances with the aid of a walking stick.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **“The future starts today, not tomorrow.”** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**



MASS INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS

It has been a custom in our church tradition to have a Mass offered for some intentions. Envelopes are in the church. When you have such a need, please write down your intention and return it to the parish office, or place it in the collection box at the weekend Masses. Thank you.

ENCOUNTER

SEASON 1

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2023 - 4 Seasons [HD]
friends + good times + free food. This season is about diving into why we live out the faith, and how the church is maybe more relevant than you think!

23RD OF MARCH
beauty of creation
30TH OF MARCH
EOS Finale
(SOCIAL)

PARISH HALL . 6:30PM - 8:30PM . THURSDAYS

Is your Superannuation fuelling climate change by funding coal, oil and gas projects? Come share, learn, and discuss what actions we Parishioners can take.

Attend our free multi-faith groups by registering for one of these **free 90-minute** online Australian Religious Response to Climate Change workshops about **SUPERANNUATION** on Thursday 16 March 2023 for either of these times
11AM - 12:30 PM (QLD) or 6:30PM - 8PM (QLD). Please register **prior** to the workshop for the **free 90-minute** online session that you wish to attend using the following link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BTMLM>

Recent participants in a superannuation session said:

“I looked into one of my super funds ... and found it rates very badly in terms of fossil fuel investment. I am now thinking about what to can do about this.”

This session on **SUPERANNUATION** is part of a series of ARRCC small group sessions covering various aspects of finance and reducing your carbon footprint in *Banking, Superannuation, Insurance, Utilities and Shares.*

Sessions run by Jamie Thom & Sue Ennis from the ARRCC Divestment Group <https://www.arrcc.org.au/go-fossil-free>

Please contact St Therese Little Flower parishioner Steve Morris on 0412 535513 for any queries.



Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual



CHRISM MASS

Thursday 30th March 2023 @ 7:00pm

Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street,
Brisbane

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese
All Welcome
car parking available from 6:00pm

EASTER SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK 2023

<p><u>Palm Sunday</u> 1st April 5.00pm Vigil</p>	<p><u>Holy Thursday</u> 6th April No morning Mass 7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper</p> <p><u>Night Prayer</u> at 9.00pm Parish Hall</p>	<p><u>Good Friday</u> 7th April 10.00am Stations of the Cross</p> <p>3.00pm Passion of Our Lord</p>	<p><u>Easter Sunday</u> 9th April 7.30am and 9.30am NO MASS at 5.30pm</p> <p><u>Easter Monday</u> 10th April NO MASS</p>
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Did you Know???

Stained glass window of St Therese, the Little Flower

The lead light window of St Therese of Lisieux (Little Flower) was created in 1923 by local Brisbane lead-light specialists, James and Martin Moroney. Dedicated to Minnie Cooke (1863-1923) – the sister of parishioner, Eliza McMullen – the window was situated above the altar in the first Kedron church opened on 2 September 1923. Just months later, the window miraculously survived a wild storm on Australia Day 1924 when the church roof was blown off and the new church destroyed.

By 28 September 1924, the second Little Flower Church had been built and officially opened with the window again taking pride of place over the altar. With the 3rd Kedron church opening in 1968, St Therese's window greets those entering the northern side door closest to the memorial tower.



The Samaritan Community

Tuesday Morning Activities at 9.30am in the Parish Hall is a morning of activities, games, laughter and sharing which everyone enjoys.

Welcome on behalf of the Samaritan Committee.

Summit 2023 is a three-day event for all who belong to the faith community of the Archdiocese; parishioners, educators, parents, support staff, catechists, lay leaders, religious and clergy, this event is for everyone.

The Summit is intended to **empower, inspire and equip** delegates to engage in the mission of the Church.

We will converge in the city's inner-west as Archbishop Mark Coleridge **shares his vision and priorities for the Archdiocese.**

The Summit will include:

- Keynote presentations
- Masterclasses
- Panel discussions with a focus on mission, faith communities, and prayer

Moments for personal encounter with Christ through prayer, praise, and Eucharist

"In this change of era we need our lamps to burn brightly as we go out to meet him who is the light... This Summit is for everyone, I hope to see you there!"

+Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane




As Jesus said to St Francis, so also to us ...

GO REBUILD MY HOUSE

Good Friday
HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Your donation helps to preserve the sacred places and supports Christians who live in the Holy Land.

The Holy Land Commission and the Franciscan Friars who administer the Holy Land thank you for your generosity. Donations can be made directly to: Commissary of the Holy Land, 47 Victoria St, Waverley NSW 2024, Tel: (02) 9569 9300 or through your local parish.

To receive the Parish Newsletter and other resources by email, please print your details here, tear off this section, and drop it in the suggestion box at the church door .

Name: _____ Email: _____

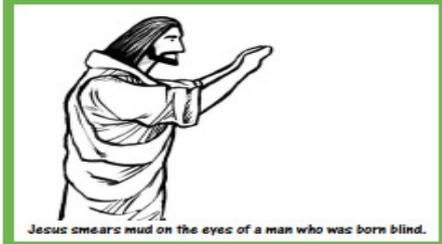
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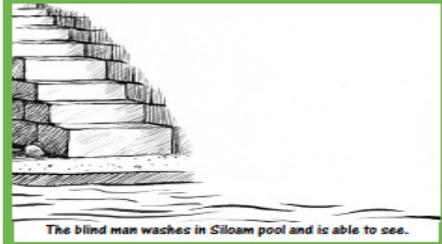
4th Sunday of Lent, Year A

Jesus heals the blind man

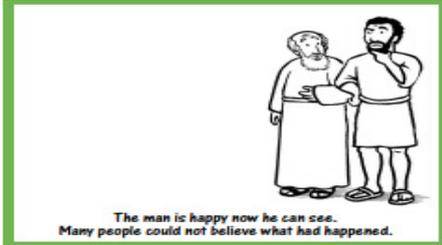
Draw the story of Jesus healing the blind man



Jesus smears mud on the eyes of a man who was born blind.



The blind man washes in Siloam pool and is able to see.



The man is happy now he can see. Many people could not believe what had happened.

Help the blind man find Siloam Pool



When he met Jesus again, the man who had been blind put his faith in Jesus and worshipped him. What can we do to show that we believe in Jesus?

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Police Check and Blue Cards and other associated forms have been simplified!
There is a new portal for registration of volunteers. The Welcome Portal can be accessed via <http://archbne.org/welcome>.
In the portal, volunteers will be asked to enter personal information and volunteer position details which will automatically prepopulate forms to be signed. **If you have not completed forms yet and are involved in ministry PLEASE ATTEND TO THIS ASAP.**
If you have any questions, please contact Sandra in the office.

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Safeguarding Commitment
The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse & is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries & services.
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